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8/9/06**Amendment**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. and in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.